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STUDIES

REFS: A. NATO 0402 B. STATE 8359 C. STATE 1757

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED TEXT OF STAFF GROUP DRAFT TRANSMITTED REF A AND HAVE NOTED THAT OUR PREVIOUS COMMENTS (REFS B AND C) WHICH REMAIN REVELANT WERE APPARENTLY NOT APPLIED TO THIS TEXT. FYI: CONTINUING INJECTION OF COMMENTS ON THE EFFICACY OF NTMS AND ON THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF RELYING ON NTMS ALONE FOR MBFR VERIFICATION ARE INAPPROPRIATE IN WG PAPERS. END FYI. FOLLOWING ARE OUR SPECIFIC COMMENTS.

A. WE BELIEVE STAFF GROUP COMMENTS ARE BETTER CONFINED TO TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF INSPECTION MODALITIES. MILITARY EFFECTS OF VERIFICATION UNCERTAINTIES CANNOT BE ASSESSED WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING OF ACTUAL REDUCTIONS. USING PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REF B AS RATIONALE, YOU SHOULD REQUEST DELETION OF PARAS 5, 6, AND 14 B (SEE COMMENT ON ITEM 14K) OF STAFF GROUP DRAFT TEXT.

B. AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY, (PARA 1, REF C), WHEN SUMMARIZING THE EFFICACY OF MOBILE INSPECTION AND OF A FIXED POST SYSTEM, BALANCED TREATMENT IS MORE APPROPRIATE.

C. WE DO NOT CONCUR WITH STATEMENT IN PARA 14 K, PARTICULARLY WITH THE STRONG USAGE OF "ANY". THERE ARE OVERT VERIFICATION MODALITIES WHICH IN FACT WOULD ADD NOTHING TO VERIFICATION BUT WOULD GENERATE A FALSE SENSE OF EFFECTIVENESS AND A MISCONCEPTION AS TO THE TRUE VERIFICATION SITUATION. SUCH MEASURES WOULD NOT BE PREFERABLE TO RELIANCE ON NTMS ALONE. WE RECOMMEND IN PARA 14 K ADDING WORD "MEANINGFUL" AFTER WORD "ANY" AND ADDING PHRASE "AND COULD CONTRIBUTE TO UNDIMINISHED SECURITY" TO END OF SENTENCE. ALSO, IN 14 J CHANGE "WOULD BE" TO "SHOULD BE REGARDED AS".

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF STATUS OF VARIOUS DRAFTS ON WHICH WE HAVE COMMENTED. FOR EXAMPLE, DOES LATEST TEXT REPLACE PREVIOUS ONES OR IS IT INTENDED AS SUMMARY TO GO WITH THEM? KISSINGER

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